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VETERINARY SERVICES

NOTIFICATION

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 43 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 (27 of 2009), the State Government, hereby, with the prior approval of the Central Government, makes the following rules, namely:-

- Short title, extent and commencement.** 1 (1) These rules may be called the Sikkim Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (Check post and quarantine camp, manner of inspection etc) Rules ,2016.
(2) They shall extend to the whole of Sikkim.
(3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- Definitions 2.** (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,
(a) "Act" means the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 (27 of 2009);
(b) "Department" means the Animal Husbandry Livestock Fisheries and Veterinary Services Department, Government of Sikkim ;
(c) "Form" means a form appended to these rules;
(d) "Section" means the section of the Act .
(2) Words and expressions, used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall carry the same meaning as has been respectively assigned to it in the Act.
- Manner of inspection and period of detention at a Check Post or at Quarantine Camp** 3. (1) In order to ascertain whether an animal is infected with any of the notified Scheduled Diseases or not, the animal stopped at the Check Post or detained in the Quarantine Camp shall be inspected by the officer-in-charge of the Check Posts in quarantine camp for the following ,namely : -

- (i) movement and gait;
 - (ii) dull, depressed, normal or excited behaviour;
 - (iii) increase in body temperature;
 - (iv) ulcer in the mouth, feet or udder;
 - (v) excessive lacrimation, nasal or vaginal discharge;
 - (vi) sweating and shivering;
 - (vii) dryness of the skin, alopecia, skin rashes;
 - (viii) weakness;
 - (ix) bleeding through natural openings;
 - (x) oedema or swelling in dewlap region or any other part of the body.
- (2) The officer-in-charge of the Check Post shall collect necessary samples for laboratory examination, if required.
 - (3) The officer-in-charge of the Check Post may detain animals for the purpose of inspection, compulsory vaccination and identification / marking etc. for a period not exceeding 12(twelve) hours. For every animal vaccinated at the check post, the animal owner shall be given a vaccination certificate in accordance with section 9 of the Act.
 - (4) After examination of the animals, the officer-in-charge shall either allow entry of the animals to the notified Controlled Area or Free Area by issuing an Entry Permit in Form "A", appended to these rules, or transport such animals to the Quarantine Camp.
 - (5) The cost of examining, vaccinating and ear-tagging the animals or of any other activity at the Check Post or at Quarantine Camp shall be fixed by the Director, from time to time, and shall be borne by the animal owner.

**Powers of the 4
officer-in-charge
of the Quarantine
Camp to grant
permits.**

- (1) The officer-in-charge of the Quarantine Camp shall detain such animals ,
 - (i) which are suffering from any notified Scheduled Disease; or
 - (ii) which have come in contact with or have been kept in the proximity of an animal infected with a notified Scheduled Disease, or
 - (iii) transported by Officer in-charge Check Post as detailed in sub – rule (4) of rule 3;
 - (iv) that have been transferred from any infected area. It shall be subjected to a quarantine of 14 (fourteen) days in a quarantine camp.
- (2) The officer-in-charge of the Quarantine Camp shall give an official acknowledgement of the animals so detained to the animal owner, issued in Form "B" appended to these rules.
- (3) During quarantine, the animals shall be ear-tagged bearing a unique number (for cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat and pigs) and branding (for donkey and horses) . Such animals shall be examined regularly for symptoms of any Scheduled Disease. They shall be vaccinated against the Scheduled Disease and be provided with veterinary treatment, if required. On vaccination, the animal owner shall be provided with a vaccination certificate in accordance with section 9 of the Act.

- (4) The cost of maintenance and vaccination of the animals during quarantine shall be fixed by the Director, from time to time, and shall be borne by the animal owner.
- (5) After successful quarantine, the officer-in-charge of the Quarantine Camp shall release the animals to the animal owner and issue under his signature, a Quarantine Release Permit in Form "C" appended to these rules, which shall also serve as Entry Permit as required under section 15(2) of the Act.

Jurisdiction 5. If any doubt or question of interpretation arises, in relation to these rules, the matter shall be referred to the State Government in the Animal Husbandry Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services, Government of Sikkim, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

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